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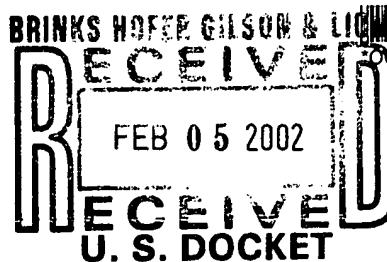
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10/032,700	10/28/2001	Paul T. Van Gompel	659-911

CONFIRMATION NO. 5367

FORMALITIES LETTER

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04 FC:105	130.00 OP

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$528.
 - \$360 for 20 total claims over 20.
 - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1398.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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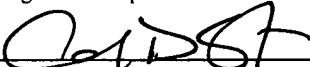
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Case No. 659-911
K-C Ref. No. 17,154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VAN GOMPEL et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,700

Attention: Manager,
Application Branch

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: REFASTENABLE
ABSORBENT
GARMENT AND
METHOD FOR
ASSEMBLY THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated January 28, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

- Applicant is:
 - a small entity, verified statement is:
 - attached
 - already filed
 - other than small entity
- Checks totaling \$1398.00 for:
 - Filing Fee of \$740.00.
 - Surcharge of \$130.00.
 - Additional Claim Fees of \$528.00.
- Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- Request for Correction of Filing Receipt with a copy of the Filing Receipt showing corrections (in duplicate).
- Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- Form PTO 1449.
- Copies of 29 cited references.
- Return receipt postcard.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

3/28/02



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Ref. No. 659-911
K-C Ref. No. 17,154

Serial No. 10/032,700	Filing Date December 28, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 3765
Inventor(s) Van Gompel et al.			
Title of Invention REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLY THEREOF			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Check for \$1398.00 for filing fee, surcharge and fee for 22 additional claims; Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Declaration; Power of Attorney; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 29 cited references; Request for Correction of Filing Receipt (in duplicate) with a copy of the corrected Filing Receipt, the Patent Application Transmittal Letter, the patent application title page, and Express Mail mailing label dated December 28, 2001; and return receipt postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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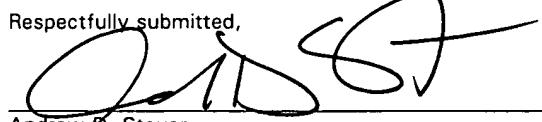
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

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Attention: Application Processing Division
Customer Correction Branch

Sir:

Applicant requests the issuance of a corrected filing receipt (copy enclosed)

for the above-referenced patent application, and in support of this request

respectfully states:

The Filing Date data indicating the filing date of 10/28/2001 is incorrect.

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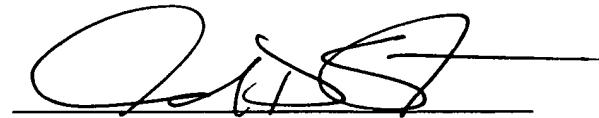
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Please correct the filing date to read as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,



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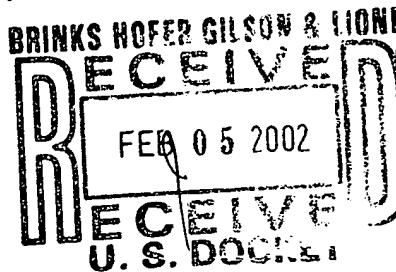
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Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Refastenable absorbent garment and method for assembly thereof

Preliminary Class

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